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Mr. Don Winter
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Dear Mr. Winter:

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The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) would like to take this opportunity to commend Mr. Frank Lenning of Boeing Research and Technology for his outstanding contribution to the Board's oversight of the Department of Energy's nuclear work at the Pantex Plant. The Board and its staff appreciate the superb technical abilities, excellent communication skills, and exceptional insight demonstrated by Mr. Lenning and the Boeing team.

Ensuring the safety of operations at the Pantex Plant is a key priority of the Board. One essential aspect of providing a safe environment for such operations is lightning protection. Mr. Lenning and his team performed an extensive technical peer review of the lightning analyses performed by the National Nuclear Security Administration's subject matter experts. This review was key to the Board's ability to provide effective oversight of lightning safety at the Pantex Plant. Please extend our appreciation to Mr. Lenning for his work, and thank you for your support of this effort.

Sincerely,

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